HIS MAIESTIES GRATIOVS MESSAGE AND Summons to the City of *Glocester* Aug. 10. 1643.

With Their Anſwer thereunto.

OVt of Our tender Compaſſion to Our City of *Gloceſter*, and that it may not receive Prejudice by Our Army, which We cannot prevent, if We be compelled to aſſault it, We are perſonally come before it to require the ſame, and are gratiouſly pleaſed to let all the Inhabitants of, and all other Perſons within that City, as well Souldiers as others, know, That if they ſhall immediatly ſubmit themſelves, and deliver this Our City to Us, We are contented freely and abſolutely to pardon every one of them without exception; And doe aſſure them in the word of a KING, that they nor any of them ſhall receive the leaſt Dammage or Prejudice by Our Army in their Perſons, or Eſtates; But that We will appoynt ſuch a Governor, and a moderate Garriſon to reſide there, as ſhall be both for the eaſe and ſecurity of that City and that whole County. But if they ſhall neglect this Profer of Grace and Favour, and compell Us by the Power of Our Army to reduce that place (which by the help of God We doubt not We ſhall be eaſily and ſhortly able to doe) they muſt thank themſelves for all the Calamities and Miſeries muſt befall them. To this Meſſage We expect a cleere and poſitive Anſwer within two houres after the publiſhing hereof, And by theſe preſents doe give leave to any Perſons ſafely to repaire to, and returne from Us whom that City ſhall deſire to employ unto Us in that buſineſſe. And doe require all the Officers and Souldiers of Our Army, quietly to ſuffer them to paſſe accordingly.

Auguſt 10. 1643.

WEe the *Inhabitants, Magiſtrates, Officers and Souldiers within this Garriſon of* Gloceſter: *unto His Majeſties gratious Meſſage returne this humble Anſwere. That We doe keep this City according to Our Oathes and Alleagiance to and for the uſe of His Majeſty and His Royall Poſterity; And doe accordingly conceive Our ſelves wholly bound to obey the Commands of His Majeſty ſignified by both Houſes of Parliament; And are reſolved by Gods help to keep this City accordingly.*

De. Wiſe *Major.*
John Brewſter.
William Luggo.
My. Singleton.
Thomas Hill.
Thomas Pury.
John Scriven.
Nich. Webb.
Io. Dorney.
Anth. Edwards.
Iohn Halford.
Toby Iordan.
G. Dawidſtone.
Robert Maxwell.
Edw. Maſsie.
Con. Ferrer.
Hum Mathewes.
Iſaack Dobſon.
Edward Gray.
Charles Blount.
Peter Criſpe.
Rob. Backhouſe.
Ia. Harcus.
Tho. Pury *Iun.*
Rob. Stevenſon.
Tho. Blayney.

LEt the World now judge if His Majeſty could have ſent a more Gratious Meſſage to His moſt Loyall Subjects, and whether theſe deſperate Rebells deſerve any Mercy, who after ſo many Offers doe ſtill refuſe a Pardon. But ſince their returning this Rebellious Anſwer, they have ſet their own Suburbs on fire, which ſurely is not to keep the City either for the KING or *Parliament.*

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